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FEC, APO 500, c/o PM  
San Francisco, California

Dear [redacted]

This is in reply to your letter of 26 May 1948. I shall skip that part which pertains to salaries. Apparently your letter was written on May 26 prior to your conference with Mr. [redacted], and I assume the suggestions made in your letter were taken into consideration prior to [redacted] final recommendations to Washington. In any case, [redacted] is sending you a message on this subject and if my assumption is not correct, we will take appropriate action later.

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I am glad to you were finally able to go to Korea, and pleased, of course, that General Hodge and his staff find our service useful. I am also glad that you are able to be of some service to G. I. & E. In most parts of the world our organization is beyond the stage of finding it necessary to cultivate good will, but in your particular area it certainly is desirable.

With reference to the information you obtained from the sergeant concerning the use of the belt type recorders, I am sure that your information is entirely incorrect. It should be possible to play them back hundreds of times with good audibility.

We do not contemplate monitoring Radio Tokyo as long as it is possible for us to have our present physical arrangement in Tokyo. We are only looking forward to the long range program when the occupation is over and it becomes necessary to monitor Radio Tokyo. We are quite satisfied with the present arrangement and do not contemplate any change as long as we can continue it.

There are several reasons why we could not employ [redacted] in Washington. In the first place, I doubt that we would have any translating for him to do; secondly, we do not hire people in Washington on a part time basis; and thirdly, we are not permitted to employ aliens within the continental United States.

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As you know, I have been out of the office considerably for the past two months, and I am gradually getting back into the swing of things. It is always good to hear from you and I hope that we are not letting you down too badly in helping you with the solution of your local problems.

Sincerely,

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